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ARN CONGRATULATES ALL ITS ACRA WINNERS AND CELEBRATES WSFM'S AMANDA KELLER'S INDUCTION INTO THE ACRA HALL OF FAME

ACRA Hall of Fame inductee – Amanda Keller

THE KYLE & JACKIE O SHOW - Best Networked Program (KIIS FM Network)

KIIS 1065 THE KYLE & JACKIE O SHOW - Best Community Service Project

KYLE & JACKIE O'S BAD SWEATER DAY - Best Multimedia Execution – Sales

KIIS 1065 - Best Show Producer - **Bruno Bouchet**

KIIS 101.1 – Best Promotions Director - **Nat Storer**

WSFM – Best Music Special

IHEARTRADIO'S Elf Radio – Best Digital Radio Station

KIIS FM Network – Best Achievement in Production - **Chris Davis**

97.3 Brisbane Agency Sales – Best Station Sales Achievement

Canberra's MIX 106.3 – Best Show Producer - **Matthew Heap** (JV)

Canberra's HIT104.7 – Best Documentary (JV)

Canberra's HIT104.7 – Best Multimedia Execution – Station (JV)

Saturday, October 14 - **ARN tonight congratulates its 13 winners** at the **29th annual Australian Commercial Radio Awards**, announced at a gala black tie event in Melbourne this evening.

Highlighting the awards, **WSFM's Amanda Keller** was honoured by being the **first female on-air presenter to be inducted into the prestigious ACRA Radio Hall of Fame**.

Welcoming Amanda to the stage to accept her award was her former radio co-host **Andrew Denton**, who made a surprise appearance after recently undergoing major heart surgery. A special tribute video from industry greats was also played with **Ray Martin, Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Mikey Robins,**

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HT&E CEO Ciaran Davis and her WSFM co-host **Brendan 'Jonesy' Jones** recalling fun stories about Amanda's incredible wit, humour, talent, heart and work ethic.

One half of WSFM's *Jonesy & Amanda* Breakfast show since 2005, Amanda has enjoyed a decorated media career in both television and radio spanning across three decades. Amanda's television career began as a producer's assistant on Simon Townsend's *Wonder World*. Within a week she was the program's head researcher and she hasn't looked back. In 1985, Amanda became a regular on-air reporter on Ray Martin's *Middy Show* but it was *Beyond 2000* that made her a household name. During her six years on the program, she reported from all over the world and has received a number of journalism awards including a United Nations Media Peace Award (1989) and the Michael Daley Award for Science Journalism (1989).

Amanda then went on to lead two highly successful FM breakfast radio shows at Triple M and, for the past 12 years, has co-hosted her equal #1FM Sydney Breakfast show on #1FM station WSFM.

In 2016 Amanda was also recognised for her service to broadcast media with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

After receiving the Hall of Fame award to two standing ovations from the entire room, **Amanda Keller** said in her speech: "I hear all of these people who say they've been working in radio for a lifetime, and suddenly I realise that's me.

"This is a job I still love and am absolutely passionate about. We all know why we love radio - there's no other way you can have this immediacy and connection with your audience. With radio you can be real, intimate, and have your audience truly hear you and you hear them. I'm lucky I get a chance to do this every day, with a wonderful on-air partner and team, it's truly a privilege.

"This is an incredible accolade and is a moment that I'll remember for the rest of my life. I'm hugely grateful. Thank you," she said.

ARN CEO Rob Atkinson congratulated Amanda; "Amanda Keller's talent, smarts and personality continues daily to leave an indelible mark on not only the radio and media industry, but the community at large.

"It is little wonder that she has had such longevity in the industry and it's fantastic to see her standing at the top with the equal #1FM Breakfast Show on Sydney's #1FM station. Her achievement tonight is well deserved and we couldn't be more proud to have her as part of the ARN family."

ARN took home **13 awards at the 2017 ACRA's across on-air, production, sales, promotions, multimedia and campaigns and activations.**

KIIS 106.5's The Kyle & Jackie O Show reigned supreme with multiple awards for the **Best Networked Program**, the **Best Community Service Project** for their Saving Ziad campaign, the **Best Multimedia Execution – Sales** award for the 'Bad Sweater' campaign and the show's Executive

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Producer **Bruno Bouchet** won the **Best Show Producer** (Music/Entertainment). **This is the third year in a row that ARN has won the Best Show Producer category.**

In addition, **KIIS 101.1's Nat Storer** was awarded Best Promotions Director, the national **KIIS Network's Chris Davis** received **Best Achievement in Production** and the **iHeartRadio** Content Team took home the **Best Digital Radio Station** award for the popular **Elf Radio** station.

Meanwhile, **WSFM** had even more to celebrate on the night with their 'Mothers who Rock' music special, created by Hall of Fame inductee **Amanda Keller, Suze DeMarchi** and the wider **WSFM Content Team**, winning **Best Music Special**.

The **Brisbane Agency Sales Team from 97.3FM** also took home the award for **Best Station Sales Achievement**.

Also winners on the night from ARN's joint venture radio stations in Canberra were hit104.7 (**Best Documentary, Best Multimedia Execution - Station**) and Mix 106.3 (**Best Show Producer, Matthew Heap**).

ARN CEO Rob Atkinson said the night was a great opportunity to celebrate all of ARN's finalists across all award categories.

"I wish to congratulate all of our winners tonight on their fantastic achievements. To be recognised by the radio industry for their hard work and exceptional talent is testament to the creative and dedicated teams we have working across the country," he said.

"I'd like to also acknowledge the wider ARN nominees who were shortlisted across 25 different categories who have also delivered outstanding results for our network as we continue to drive our key strategies for growth."

ARN's National Content Director Duncan Campbell added: "We are passionate about creating entertaining, engaging content and campaigns for our audiences and tonight's awards are really a chance to reflect and celebrate that commitment," he said.

The gala event was held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre hosted by Chris Taylor and Andrew Hansen from comedy group *The Chaser*, and was attended by 1000 radio industry stars, personalities and media executives from around Australia.

Entries for the awards were received from 260 metropolitan and regional radio stations across the country, with ARN landing a huge haul of 46 nominations across a range of categories.

The full list of ARN winners are:

- **HALL OF FAME** – Amanda Keller, WSFM
- **BEST NETWORKED PROGRAM** – The Kyle & Jackie O Show, KIIS 1065, Sydney

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- **BEST DIGITAL RADIO FORMAT** – Elf Radio, iHeartRadio Content Team, Sydney
- **BEST SHOW PRODUCER – ENTERTAINMENT/MUSIC** – Bruno Bouchet, The Kyle & Jackie O Show, KIIS 1065, Sydney
- **BEST PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR** – Natalie Storer, KIIS 101.1, Melbourne
- **BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN PRODUCTION** - Chris Davis, KIIS Network
- **BEST MUSIC SPECIAL** – Mothers who Rock, Amanda Keller, Suze DeMarchi & WSFM Content Team, WSFM, Sydney
- **BEST MULTIMEDIA EXECUTION - SALES** – Kyle & Jackie O's Bad Sweater Day, Kyle Sandilands & Jackie Henderson, Network Activations, Commercial & Content Teams, KIIS Network
- **BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT** – Saving Ziad, Kyle Sandilands & Jackie Henderson, KIIS 1065, Sydney
- **BEST STATION SALES ACHIEVEMENT** – Brisbane Agency Sales; 97.3FM
- **BEST SHOW PRODUCER** – Matthew Heap, Kristen & Rod, Mix 106.3, Canberra (JV with SCA)
- **BEST MULTIMEDIA EXECUTION – STATION** – hit104.7 Skyfire 2017, hit104.7 Promotions & Content Team, Canberra (JV with SCA)
- **BEST DOCUMENTARY** – Braden's Story, Ryan Jon & Tanya Hennessy, hit104.7, Canberra (JV with SCA)

PHOTOS: Red carpet photos & winners photos available [here](#). **VISION:** Broadcast vision of the ACRAs Red Carpet arrivals will be available to view and download [here](#) and will be sent Saturday 14th via satellite ex Globecast, Sydney and 5:30 am AEDT Sunday October 15th. For more information on photos and vision, please contact: Melissa Fleming 0417 499 529 or Judy Shaw 0418 415 965.

ABOUT ARN

ARN is one of the leading broadcasters in the country with ownership or investments in 12 radio stations nationwide. Its network brands KIIS and Pure Gold, along with iHeartRadio and The Edge, entertain and influence over four million listeners across Australia.

Its KIIS network currently consists of Sydney's KIIS 1065 with #1 FM Breakfast Kyle & Jackie O, KIIS 101.1 in Melbourne with Matt & Meshel, Adelaide's Mix102.3 with Jodie & Soda, Brisbane's 97.3FM with Bianca, Terry &



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Bob and Perth's 96FM with Carmen & Fitz. All shows nationally have Dave 'Hughesy' Hughes & Kate Langbroek in Drive.

Its Pure Gold network consists of Sydney's WS FM101.7 with Jonesy & Amanda, Melbourne's GOLD104.3 with Jo & Lehmo, Brisbane's 4KQ with Laurel, Gary & Mark and Adelaide's Cruise 1323 with John Dean.

The Edge is available on FM as The Edge 96.ONE in Sydney and nationally via iHeartRadio and DAB+. The Edge Breakfast hosts are Mike E & Emma.

ARN also launched iHeartRadio, the world's fastest growing digital service, to the Australian market in 2013 and the platform has had over 835,000 downloads. iHeartRadio is a free, all-in-one radio, music streaming, entertainment and live events platform. In addition to being able to access their favourite music from around the globe, audiences can access their favourite stations in Australia from ARN, the ABC, SBS and Fairfax, as well as stations from New Zealand and the USA.

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